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A ranging apparatus which determines distances to objects by using planar positions of the objects in images which are obtained by ~~plural image-acquiring means~~ comprises cameras which take[[s]] the images, plural distortion correction tables used to correct distortion of images taken by the cameras wherein the distortion correction [[means]] are made for progressively determined ranging distances of [[the]] a target object, a corrective ~~computation means~~ computer which generates corrected images [[by]] using the distortion correction [[means]] tables, being corrected for eliminating distortion caused by optical systems ~~used for~~ of the cameras, corresponding to the progressively determined ranging distances in which the images are taken by the cameras, a ~~corrected image-selection means~~ selector which selects a most appropriately corrected image among the corrected images and a ranging ~~computation means~~ computer which computes a distance to the object viewed in the selected corrected image.